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Interim Measure Being Proposed at the Former James G. Lee Record Processing Facility, Gardena, CA



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed Interim Measure (IM) for the removal of contaminated soil at the Former James G. Lee Record Processing Facility (Site) located at 145-151 West 154th Street, Gardena, California. The chemical contamination in the soil is mostly heavy metals such as hexavalent chromium, nickel and silver. Some volatile organic compounds such as, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene xylenes, tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE) have also contaminated the soil.

This fact sheet is being sent to inform you of the proposed IM and to give you the

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December 19, 2005 – January 20, 2006

You are invited to submit comments to the proposed Interim Measures Work Plan and to the Draft Notice of Exemption. Please see page 3 for instruction on how to submit written comments.



opportunity to submit comments to this plan.

Previous Operations Cause Releases of Chemicals to the soil

The Site is located on the north side of West 154th Street in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The property occupies a 12,000 square-foot area. The property is zoned for heavy manufacturing and is surrounded by light manufacturing businesses. The previous operations at the Site involved metal plating processes to create phonograph records using silver, nickel and other metals. The DTSC and the current site owner, Lebata, Inc., signed a Corrective Action Consent Agreement (CACA) in January 2003 for oversight of chemical release investigations which resulted from the previous operations. A Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) was conducted for the site in 2003-2004. The assessment identified a potential human health risk if inhalation of contaminated dust and ingestion of the contaminated soil occurred.

What Happens Prior to the Interim Measure

The building will be demolished under a County of Los Angeles permit prior to start of the Interim Measure activities. Actual demolition of the building and disposal of the demolition debris will require approximately one week to complete. The building contains asbestos building materials. Therefore, demolition of the existing building and removal of asbestos-containing building materials will be performed by a State certified asbestos removal contractor and properly disposed of off site. The trucks transporting non-hazardous demolition debris will leave the site and travel north for one block on Broadway to West Redondo Beach Boulevard, west on West Redondo Beach Boulevard to Interstate 110, north on Interstate 110 to Interstate 5 and north to the Antelope Valley Landfill in Palmdale, California.

What is the Proposed Interim Measure

As mentioned above, the Preliminary Endangerment Assessment identified a potential human health risk from exposure to the contaminated soil if the contaminated soil is not removed and disposed of properly. We are proposing an IM to remove the contaminated soil after the demolition

activities. The proposed Interim Measures include the following activities:

- Soils contaminated to hazardous levels will be excavated and properly disposed at the Chemical Waste Management Class I disposal facility in Kettleman City, California.
- Environmental Monitoring will be conducted to ensure public safety during the excavation activities.
- After the removal is completed, confirmation samples will be collected and analyzed to determine if the potential human health risks goals associated with the contaminated soils have been met.

Potential Environmental Impacts

Under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has determined that a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project is appropriate. This finding is based upon an evaluation by DTSC that the proposed IM activities would not cause a significant impact to the environment.

Removal of the Contaminated Soil from the Site

Removal and disposal of the contaminated soils will require approximately 10 days to complete. During this 10-day period, approximately 75 tons of contaminated soils will be removed and stockpiled on site. The stockpile will be completely covered with an industrial type of plastic while waiting for final lab results prior to off site disposal. It is estimated that about four truckloads (20 tons per load) will be needed each day to remove the contaminated soil from the site.

All trucks will be staged on a concrete pad for loading. Trucks will be dusted and covered prior to leaving the concrete pad loading area.

Environmental and Dust Monitoring during Interim Measure activities

The soil removal and associated activities will be conducted in accordance with the approved IM workplan and the Health and Safety Plan. To protect the public, the following safety measures will be followed:

- Water will be sprayed at the excavation

areas and stockpile to prevent dust generation in order to minimize potential exposure to onsite workers and the surrounding community.

- The use of sand bag barriers, street sweeping and vacuuming will be applied during site activities to prevent any contaminants from leaving the site.
- Dust monitoring will be done during the excavation. In the event the wind speed exceeds 12 to 18 miles per hour and dust is observed by the Site Safety Officer or Designee, all work will cease until the wind speed falls below 12 miles per hour. In addition, air particulate samplers will be used at upwind and downwind locations each day to monitor any dust leaving the site.

What You Can Expect at the Site

The entire site will be fenced and secured prior to and during the excavation and removal of the contaminated soils. All work will be performed between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The work is anticipated to begin in early 2006.

How You Can Review and Submit Comments to the Proposed Workplan

We welcome your comments to the proposed IM Workplan. You can review the proposed IM workplan by visiting the local repository located at the Gardena Public Library or by visiting DTSC office located in Cypress (see addresses below). Your comments must be submitted during the Public Comment Period from December 19, 2005 through January 20, 2006. All comments must be postmarked no later than January 20, 2006. Please submit your comments to the DTSC Project Manager, Ms. Rada Chanmugathas, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. You may also submit your comments via mail or by email.

Repositories

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1731 West Gardena Boulevard
Gardena, CA 90247

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M-T-W 12:00-8:00 pm

Th-F 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

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Based on the comments received, DTSC may revise the IM workplan or approve the IM workplan as proposed.

Who to Contact for More Information

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